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Application of: Dasseux *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/465,718

Group Art Unit: 1631

Filed: December 17, 1999

Examiner: M. Borin

For: APOLIPOPROTEIN A-I AGONISTS
AND THEIR USE TO TREAT
DYSLIPIDEMIC DISORDERS

Attorney Docket No.: 9196-018-999

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action mailed March 27, 2001, in connection with the above-captioned application. Submitted herewith is a Petition to Extend Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extending the period for response by five (5) months to and including **September 27, 2001**, with the appropriate fee.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, Claims 1-18 and 36-40, drawn to peptides of Formula I and compositions. In response to the Species Requirement, Applicants elect the species SEQ ID NO:146. Applicants understand their election of species is being made solely to facilitate examination of the application and that they are entitled to consideration of additional species upon allowance of a generic claim.

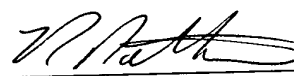
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. An early indication of the same and passage of Claims 1-55 to issuance is therefore kindly solicited.

Applicants believe no fee in addition to the extension fee is due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and all required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment, to Pennie & Edmonds U.S. Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 12, 2001


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